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For: Methods For Detecting And
Sorting Polynucleotides Based On
Size

REQUEST FOR EXCUSE OF ERROR

Customer No.: 20350

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Sir:

Applicants, without intent to deceive, erroneously failed to notify the Office upon payment of the issue fee that they are no longer claiming small entity status. Excuse of the error is requested. 37 CFR § 1.28(c).

The following is an itemization of the total deficiency payment due.

| Payment | Small Entity Amount Paid | Current Large Entity Amount | Deficiency |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Issue Fee | \$665 (8/13/04) | \$1400 | \$735 |
| Total | | | \$735 |

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It is, thus, believed that the deficiency amount owed is \$735. Including the \$130 processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i), the total amount due for excuse of the error is believed to be \$865, which the Office is authorized to deduct from Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Should the amount due be determined by the Office to be otherwise, the Office is authorized to deduct the determined amount from Deposit Account No. 20-1430. This Request is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,



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